



Faculty Senate NEWS BRIEF

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FROM THE SENATE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9, 2022

The **Faculty Senate (FS)** welcomes a new chair to the [Budget Committee \(BC\)](#), Senator Csaki. The BC is working on how to improve faculty input in the university budgeting process. It is also working to ensure SE's salary card remains competitive with other regional universities. The BC looks forward to working with the **Salary Card Working Group** to help establish faculty salaries moving forward.

The [Personnel Policies Committee \(PPC\)](#) motioned to update the APPM by building on a [proposal](#) initiated by the Distance Education Council with revised language concerning New Course Templates,. The consensus among PPC members was that "one size does not fit all" regarding LMS templates, citing the differences in online and F2F learning environments. The PPC determined this New Course Template should apply only to fully-online asynchronous classes. Even so, faculty members will be able to adjust this template as needed. The FS approved this motion unanimously.

The [Executive Committee \(EC\)](#) presented [three motions](#) to the Senate, and all were approved unanimously. Two motions were made to the FS Constitution – one to ensure an alternate voting method when proposing changes to the constitution when the FS meetings are not held in person. Verification of the votes will be through the inclusion of polling screenshots in the Minutes. In addition, the FS Recorder, who receives a course release for their service, will be elected during the spring to give Department Chairs time to process the necessary paperwork and adjust the teaching schedule, if desired.

The final motion looked to streamline the Post Tenure Review process, tasking the Department Chair of the faculty member under review with calling the first meeting of the review panel.

The **Planning Committee (PC)** offered updated nomination numbers regarding the Faculty Senate Awards: 481 nominations have been submitted, a total lower than reported in the last FS News Brief because several nominations were not complete. The nomination window for the Faculty Senate Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Scholarship or Service, or Adjunct of the Year has officially closed for 2021-2022.

The **Faculty Senate Survey Report (FSSR)** ad hoc committee met February 11 and established a timetable for revisions to the annual survey, which will include prefacing the university mission statement, eliminating redundant questions, and focusing on direct faculty feedback. It will next meet February 23.

The **Executive Committee's (EC)** will meet with President Newsom on February 14. The bulk of the agenda focuses on how to increase faculty involvement in the budget process. The EC reminds all faculty members that the FS is responsible for the second planned Shared Governance Forum this spring, on a topic of the FS's choosing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

As a reminder, the Faculty Senate is scheduled to meet on 2/23, 3/9, 3/30, 4/13 and 4/27. Faculty members are always invited and welcome to attend meetings of the Faculty Senate. **The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, FEBRUARY 23rd, via Zoom.** Please visit the [Faculty Senate website](#) for detailed information concerning your representative body!

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